

January 6, 1975

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL

Earl W. Yeagley, Jr.
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Assistant Secretary
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Bikhart, Indiana 46514

Dear Mr. Yeagley:

Re: Classification of Calcium Sulfate

This is in response to your letter of December 9, 1974, in which a request was made for exclusion from Regulation SPC 18 for the calcium sulfate generated by your operation.

We have reviewed both the information received in written form and that which was relayed through conversations with various representatives of Miles Laboratories, Inc. This also includes the latest laboratory results as submitted on December 20, 1974, by Mr. Paul D. Francis, Manager, Process and Quality Control, Citric Manufacturing of Miles Laboratories, Inc. In addition, we have consulted with members of the laboratory staff at the State Board of Health.

It is our determination that the calcium sulfate as generated from your citric acid process cannot be excluded from Regulation SPC 18 under Chapter IX, Section 1. This desision is also based in part on information which was included in your report on the properties of calcium sulfate as received on December 9, 1974, by our office.

The solubility of calcium sulfate varies appreciably with changes in pH and other electrolytic conditions to which it is exposed. The solubility is known to increase substantially under acidic conditions which are often similar to these found in leachate generated from landfill operations which dispose of degradable wastes. Although the leachate generated from the calcium sulfate alone may not be defined as having a toxic effect on a groundwater supply, it may seriously alter the natural mineral properties of that water supply. Therefore, it is essential that care be taken to assure that the calcium sulfate is not exposed to conditions which would increase its solubility.

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It is feasible, however, to consider this material to be stable if kept near neutral p H . This would include separate disposal from organic wastes. Under these conditions, the calcium sulfate should be least soluble.

Conditions relative to disposal of calcium sulfate at the Himes site are:

- 1. Disposal in dry areas only.
- 2. Separate disposal from decomposable materials.
- 3. Protection from extremes of pH caused by natural or manmade sources.

If you have any questions, please refer them to the Solid Waste Management Section at AC 317/633-4393.

Very truly yours,

Roland P. Dove, Acting Director Division of Sanitary Engineering AC 317/633-4330

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cc: Franklin E. Breckinridge, Attorney Mr. P. D. Francis, Manager Process-Quality Control

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